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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the sentence bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

~~A recently published~~ U.S. [[p]]Patent 5,780,153 to Chou et al. discloses that filter webs can be produced without deliberately post-charging or electrizing the fibers or the fiber webs. ~~(see U.S. Patent 5,780,153 to Chou et al.)~~. The fibers are made from a copolymer that comprises: a copolymer of ethylene, 5 to 25 weight percent of (meth)acrylic acid, and optionally, though less preferably, up to 40 weight percent of an alkyl (meth)acrylate whose alkyl groups have from 1 to 8 carbon atoms. Five to 70% of the acid groups are neutralized with a metal ion, particularly zinc, sodium, lithium or magnesium ions, or mixtures of these. The copolymer has a melt index of 5 to 1000 grams (g) per 10 minutes. The remainder may be a polyolefin such as polypropylene or polyethylene. The fibers may be produced through a melt-blowing process and may be cooled quickly with water to prevent excess bonding. The patent discloses that the fibers have high static retention of any existing or deliberate, specifically induced, static charge.